

The Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services/ Early Childhood Services Bureau is accepting competitive applications for out-of-school time projects. It is anticipated that approximately 75 - \$5,000 projects will be funded for a total of \$375,000 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008. The time period for these grants is from October 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. It is anticipated that these Montana Out-of-School Time (MOST) grants will be renewable for SFY 2009 and SFY 2010, but will be subject to available funding.

All proposals for the Montana Out-of-School Time (MOST) grants must seek to provide opportunities to improve or enhance the quality of care, activities, and services to school-age children (5 to 18 years of age) and their families before- and after-school, on school holidays, and in the summer. The purpose of the MOST projects is to strengthen Montana families and promote healthy youth development. Approved project applicants will provide program design and implementation that is intended to improve academic, social competencies, positive values and positive physical outcomes for children.

The ECSB must receive the application cover sheet (page 3) with the narrative no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2007. No late applications will be considered. It is recommended that application(s) be sent by certified mail or delivered by a service that documents delivery to assure receipt. To download application, go to [www.childcare.mt.gov](http://www.childcare.mt.gov). For questions about the MOST application please call the ECSB at (406) 444-5925 or (406) 444-3657.